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REPUBLICAN MEETING CALLED

State Chairman Dickey to Meet Second District Workers at Chillicothe Next Saturday

In writing to become a subscriber to THE BLADE this week, Hon. W. S. Dickey, chairman of the republican state committee, of Kansas City, informs us that a meeting of the school district, county, state senatorial, judicial, congressional and state committeemen, and generally the workers of the party of the second congressional district will be held at Chillicothe next Saturday, December 21, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Chairman Dickey says that the meetings heretofore held in the first, third and ninth districts have been so generously attended by the republican workers of those districts that he is convinced that they are of great benefit to the party.

Hon. S. A. Clark, the well known Carrollton newspaper man and former chairman of Carroll county, will be the principal speaker at Chillicothe. Mr. Clark is a man of much experience in party affairs and his views will no doubt be of great value to the organization. Every republican in the district should attend the Chillicothe meeting and THE BLADE hopes to see a large delegation from this county.

"Isle of Spice"

Beautiful girls, exquisite scenic environment, clever comedians, startling electrical surprises, all sweet singing, graceful dancing, picturesque groupings, witty dialogue, brilliant lyrics, catchy songs and tuneful music are said to be the chief ingredients which have been responsible for the universal praise with which that piquant musical mixture, the "Isle of Spice," has been accorded in every large city in which it has been presented. The entire production as shown during its New York, Chicago and Boston runs will be presented at the DeGraw theatre Wednesday, December 18. It is claimed that the chorus is positively the youngest, prettiest and cleverest now before the patrons of high class amusement, and particular feature of this part of the company is the pony ballet, consisting of twelve young girls whose aggregate weight is not above one thousand pounds.

Attorneys C. C. Bigger and O. F. Libby have been in attendance at circuit court in Linneus this week.

J. B. Patrick wants you to look on the back page of THE BLADE next week for bargain prices. It will be interesting reading.

Deputy Recorder H. H. Lamb was in Laclede yesterday and favored this office with a pleasant call and a dollar on subscription.

Santa Claus has established his Laclede headquarters for candies, nuts, fruit, etc., at C. B. Welsh's grocery where the supply is large and best values are given.

Ed. Love, fireman on the Mexico branch of the Burlington, is home nursing some injuries received while on duty last week. He was cleaning the cab window as the engine was being run into the round house and was caught in the doorway and badly squeezed and bruised but not seriously hurt.

Wanted

Fifty thousand bushels of corn. See me before you sell.

W. S. SAVAGE.

NEWS AND COMMENTS

The Burlington is installing self-registering thermometers in sleeping cars, whereby inattention of employes to proper heating will be detected.

From the tone of its editorials it is proper to presume there are still some targets for another shooting scrape in the editorial rooms of the Kansas City Post.

L. R. Bailey, a member of a Burlington section gang, was instantly killed by being thrown under a freight train at Wheeling last Wednesday morning. His home was in Chillicothe.

Representative W. W. Rucker introduced three bills for public buildings in this district this week. For Carrollton and Trenton he expects appropriations of \$60,000 each, which is \$10,000 more than he asked at the last congress, and for Chillicothe \$75,000, a raise of \$25,000 over his bill of the last congress.

There will be no special session of the legislature to submit a constitutional amendment for prohibition. Governor Folk has given official announcement that the legislature cannot be convened in extraordinary session except in cases of emergencies which cannot exist with reference to any constitutional amendment. Neither will the legislature be convened to pass additional revenue bills.

On December 26-28 the Missouri state teacher's association will hold its forty-sixth annual session at Joplin. The meeting promises to be one of the largest and most enthusiastic educational gatherings ever held in Missouri and every teacher in the state is especially urged and invited to be present every day of the session. Joplin is noted far and near for its hospitality and it is safe to predict that courteous treatment will be extended the visiting teachers and friends of education on this occasion. The hotels the public buildings, the churches and private residences will be thrown open for their convenience and pleasure while in the city.

The yield of the year 1907 proves that Missouri, while its agriculture is diversified, is entitled to a front seat among the corn producing states. April and May caused much replanting and a great deal of late planting of corn, the final acreage, however, shows a slight increase over the previous year. The total acreage cultivated this year was 7,086,000 which is 1 per cent more than the acreage cultivated in 1906. The average yield for all the counties north of the Missouri river is 38.2 bushels per acre. Compared with the government report, this is a larger average yield than any state in the Union has for this year; the government report giving the state of Indiana a yield of 36 bushels per acre, and Illinois the same. Practically every county north of the Missouri river has a yield equal to or greater than that of 1906. Missouri is exceeded in the average yield by only two states, and has a yield this year, of two bushels per acre more than Iowa, eight bushels per acre more than Nebraska, and ten bushels per acre more than Kansas.

LOCAL DOINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Perambulating Pencil Pusher.

Rev. Eubanks will fill his regular appointment at the Christian church, preaching Saturday night of this week and next Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours.

F. W. Gould finished gathering his corn crop this week and now has two thousand bushels of extra fine corn snugly packed in cribs, husking every ear of it himself as well as doing all the other farm work.

Miss Mary Jane Gould called last Saturday and renewed for THE BLADE and Weekly Journal. Miss Gould, like hundreds of others, says it is next to an impossibility to get along without this paper every Saturday.

On Wednesday F. M. Connor sold his residence property of twenty-five acres in the southwest part of town to H. C. Baird for \$5000, possession to be given next March. It is a fine piece of property and a very desirable home.

THE BLADE has received this week two interesting communications, one from Miss Elizabeth Wells, missionary in India, and the other from Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Swearingen in the Canal Zone. They will be published in some future number.

Miss Velma Gilchrist, of Brookfield, has placed on sale at Mrs. Clay's millinery store, some nice holiday novelties in the shape of hand painted photographs and scenes, book marks, clipping files, calendar pads, etc., all being suitable for Christmas presents.

Kaffir corn is a crop the farmers of this locality are paying more attention to now than heretofore. E. K. Welsh had out fourteen acres this year from which he threshed last week 813 bushels of corn and has several tons of good fodder besides. The corn is valued at 75 cents per bushel which makes it a very profitable crop.

At the regular meeting of Laclede camp Modern Woodmen held last Wednesday night Lyman Jones was adopted as a beneficiary member and the following officers elected for ensuing year: J. B. Patrick, consul; Emil Brendahl, advisor; J. D. Bryant, banker; J. Clair Lomax, clerk; W. J. Gates, escort; Dr. F. W. Burke, physician; John Peer, watchman; J. E. Kent, sentry and E. K. Welsh re-elected member of board of managers for three years. Installation the first meeting in January. The camp now has a membership of 126 and one application was favorably acted upon at the last meeting.

There is no doubt about the Argus at Brookfield setting the pace in Linn county newspaperdom. While its advertising rates are higher than any other paper in the county, for the past two months it has contained each week from 35 to 40 columns of home advertising. And the Argus is not in the habit of soliciting advertising, either. While the Argus has long been a steadfast champion of Brookfield, the merchants there certainly appreciate its prestige as an advertising medium, as is shown by its columns. The Argus to Brookfield is what the Star is to Kansas City. No county paper comes to THE BLADE, week in and week out, with as much advertising as the Argus.

Some Evening Reveries.

"There is always room enough up higher," said Webster, and so there is. It's better to be a first-class cobbler than a third-class lawyer. There is more pleasure and satisfaction in it and more money. It is not the "good trade" that makes men rich, but the good understanding of the trade. Some would be poor all their lives and yet work at the best trade known to man; they don't understand it and they never will. They toil on, hoping for success, when the work is in direct antagonism with their whole being.

We do not believe in giving up the ship until we know it must go down; but, if we find, after commencing a work that we are wholly unfitted for it, we had better try some other. All men were not born with the power to perform the same work. And yet, it is not necessary that we spend a lifetime in a fruitless endeavor to find our place. If we know ourselves we shall know our mission; if we do not, poor success is inevitably ours. We care not how much a man may study and experiment, if mechanism is not in his head it cannot come out. You cannot grow pumpkins on squash vines.

This is becoming a wonderful world. Everything is done by steam pressure. When the great Atlantic cable was being lowered it was on all tongues as the greatest project the world had ever known, and he who was the possessor of an inch piece of the twisted wire was rich in relics. Now we have almost forgotten there is such a thing. The air ship is the one center of attraction, but in a few years that too will move into the shadow of some mightier scheme.

There is but one rule of strict morality that a man can adopt. That would be to live as pure and perfect a life as he would have his wife live, to avoid associations, habits and language that he would have her avoid. The old idea of one scale of morals for the man and another for the woman is very wrong, and until a man is ostracized from society by the same act that would turn the young woman out in the cold world, social standing is a farce.

The life blood of the future is the bounding pulse of our little ones. No son or daughter should be allowed to leave the shelter of home ignorant of those principles which underlie good government. Will the boy who is taught the sweet law of obedience for love's sake, in the tender years of childhood, be likely to rebel when he is called upon to obey those laws that are made for the preservation of our country and good of the people? Will not the boy brought up to hold in respect all that goes to make up a noble man and womanhood abide by these teachings when he steps into the broader fields that lie before him? Will the girl brought up with such a brother give her future into the keeping of a young man who scoffs at religion, defies the law that makes all social life desirable, and lets his reason and judgement be led off by every will-o'-the-wisp that lurks at every morass and slough to lead weak men to destruction? Should we need to fear the future if we do our whole duty? Let us place our ambitions high, to make men, loyal men and true.

HUMANITY ON THE MOVE

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

C. C. Bigger was in Hannibal last Sunday.

Dr. Z. T. Standly was at Linneus Wednesday.

Circuit Clerk Wilson spent last Sunday in Laclede.

Miss Anna E. Ransom has gone on a visit to New York.

Misses Eunice and Agnes Thompson were in Brookfield Tuesday.

Jas. Wilkins is in Kansas this week where he expects to invest in a farm.

Mrs. Erma Brott was over from Brookfield yesterday calling on friends.

Adam Edgar is visiting his sister, Mrs. Joe Dye, and family west of town.

Ward Welsh is working at Cream Ridge station having charge of the day work.

Miss Mattie Bay, of Millersburg, Ill., is visiting Mrs. T. J. Welsh and Mrs. C. E. Hilton.

Fifteen tons of fine millet for sale two miles northeast of Laclede. Inquire at this office.

Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards visited her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ida Edwards, in Milan, the past week.

P. F. Felt was at Bucklin looking after several ears of corn he had bought at that place this week.

Mrs. Marie Hunter, who had been here visiting her mother, Mrs. Mathiasch, and other relatives returned to her home in Slater Thursday.

Joe Benton, who in his annual dues from Clarkford, Idaho, to THE BLADE this week and reports the Preston family all well and getting along nicely.

Mrs. E. J. Watson and daughter, Miss Zella, came home Tuesday from a several weeks visit with relatives and friends at Elk City, Okla.

J. B. Campbell spent the first of the week with friends here and before leaving for his home at Moscow Mills, Mo., ordered THE BLADE to his address.

T. D. Mouser has built a large iron-clad shed at his place in the southwest part of town in which to house his threshing machine, corn shredder and other machinery.

Mrs. C. J. Lyons was accompanied home last Friday by her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Wise, whom she had been visiting at Tarkio for the past two months. Mrs. Wise remained over Sunday returning to her home Monday.

Drs. J. L. and F. W. Burke attended the thirty-second annual meeting of the Grand River medical society held at Chillicothe last Wednesday afternoon. In the election of officers two Linn county physicians were honored, Dr. T. P. Owen, of Brookfield, being elected president and Dr. J. L. Burke, of Laclede, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. White very pleasantly entertained a number of their neighbors and friends at their home west of town last Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. Sarah Brooker, who is here from Jeffersonville, Ind., to spend the winter. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dye, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cotter, Adam Edgar, Misses Mary, Kate, Anna and Mabel Brooker, and Albert Brooker.

2,000 pounds of nuts and Christmas candies at the Model.